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TODAY, ON THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF SARATOGA
THE UNITED STATES PAID TRIBUTE TO GENERAL THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO
THE POLISH HERO WHO PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THAT AMERICAN
VICTORY. IN CEREMONIES IN FRONT OF KOSCIUSZKO'S SARCOPHAGUS
IN THE CRYPT OF WAWEL CATHEDRAL, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR RICHARD T.
DAVIES UNVEILED A MEMORIAL PLAQUE PRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE OF
AMERICA TO THE PEOPLE OF POLAND.

THE CEREMONIES WERE PRECEDED BY A HIGH MASS CELEBRATED IN
THE CATHEDRAL BY BISHOP JULIAN GROBLICKI. AT THE MASS A LETTER
WAS READ FROM CARDINAL KAROL WOJTYLA, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN ROME
PARTICIPATING IN CHURCH MEETINGS. IN HIS LETTER CARDINAL WOJTYLA
WROTE OF KOSCIUSZKO'S GREAT LOVE OF FREEDOM OF MAN AND NATION
EXPRESSED BY LIFE TIME DEVOTED TO DEFENCE OF HIS OWN COUNTRY
AND BY THE STRUGGLE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES
"FOR OUR FREEDOM AND YOURS".

IN HIS SERMON BISHOP GROBLICKI SAID THAT KOSCIUSZKO'S LOVE OF
FREEDOM REPRESENTED THE HISTORIC SPIRIT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE.

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HE ALSO CITED THOMAS JEFFERSON'S STATEMENT THAT KOSCIUSZKO
WAS "AS PURE A SON OF LIBERTY AS I HAVE EVER KNOWN, AND OF
THAT LIBERTY WHICH IS TO GO TO ALL, NOT TO THE FEW AND RICH
ALONE". IN HIS OWN REMARKS BEFORE UNVEILING OF THE PLAQUE,
AMBASSADOR DAVIES SAID THAT QUOTE IT WAS FOR SUCH IDEALS AS
LIBERTY AND EQUALITY THAT AMERICA DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE ...
AND TO WHICH WE REMAIN COMMITTED TODAY UNQUOTE. THE AMBASSADOR

ADDED QUOTE "OF THE MANY TIES WHICH BIND AMERICANS AND POLES
NONE IS STRONGER THAN OUR SHARED BELIEF IN THESE PRINCIPLES.
THAT IS WHY BOTH PEOPLES REVERE THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO,WHO DEDICA-
TED HIS LIFE TO THESE CAUSES" UNQUOTE.
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESENTATION OF THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE WERE MADE
BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF POLISH CULTURAL CLUBS,AN ORGANIZA-
TION WHICH INCLUDES 28 CLUBS IN MAJOR POLISH-AMERICAN COMMUNI-
TIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.PRESENT FOR THE CEREMONY
WERE MORE
THAN 40 CLUB-MEMBERS INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL MR
WALTER ZACHARIASIEWICZ.
SPEAKING NEXT AFTER THE AMBASSADOR MR. ZACHARIASIEWICZ STRESSED
THE THE CLOSE LINKS WHICH CONTINUE TO BIND POLISH-AMERICANS
WITH POLAND. HE SAID THE HOMAGE PAID TODAY TO KOSCIUSZKO AT THIS
SITE SO DEAR TO ALL POLISH HEARTS DEMONSTRATES THE PRIDE AMERICANS
OF POLISH DESCENT TAKE
POLISH DESCENT TAKE IN THEIR POLISH HERITAGE. THE MAYOR OF KRAKOW
(PREZYDENT MIASTA KRAKOWA) JERZY PEKALA NOTED KOSCIUSZKO'S
SPECIAL TIES WITH THE CITY OF KRAKOW. THE MAYOR ALSO EXPRESSED
HIS CONVICTION THAT THE IDEALS KOSCIUSZKO FOUGHT FOR WILL GUIDE
FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND. ALSO
PRESENT FOR THE CRYPT CEREMONIES WERE: VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE POLONIA SOCIETY WIESLAW ADAMSKI, MEMBERS OF THE
DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL CULTURAL, ACADEMIC
AND ARTISTIC CIRCLES. THE WAWEL CEREMONY CONCLUDED WITH THE LAYING
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OF WREATH BY AMBASSAOR DAVIES, VICE-MINISTER ADAMSKI, PRESIDENT
PEKALA AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS SOCIETIES.

AT 12.00 NOON, AMBASSAOR DAVIES, ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF POLISH CULTURAL CLUBS LAID A WREATH AT
THE SITE IN THE MAIN MARKET SQUARE, DECORATED WITH POLISH AND
AMERICAN FLAGS, WHERE IN 1794 THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO SWORE THE OATH TO
COMMUND THE POLISH FORCES IN THEIR FIGHT FOR LIBERATION.
VICE-MINISTER ADAMSKI, MAYOR PEKALA, COMMANDER OF THE KRAKOW
MILITARY GARRISON AND REPRESENTATIVES OF POLONIA SOCIETY ALSO LAID
FLOWERS AT A CEREMONY WITNESSED BY A CROWD OF SEVERAL HUNDRED
PEOPLE.

THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ,IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED
SEPTEMBER 30 1977, HAD DIRECTED PRESENTATION OF THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE
AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE ESTEEM AND GRATITUDE OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE.

THE CONGRESS ACKNOWLEDGED AMERICA'S DEBT TO THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO
FOR HIS VITAL AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION AT SARATOGA AND
ELSEWHERE WHILE SERVING WITH THE CONTINENTAL ARMY FROM 1776-1783.

THE TEXT OF AMBASSAOR DAVIE S SPEECH WAS SENT IN OUR TELEGRAM
OCT. 15.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM CARDINAL WOJTYLA,
READ OUT DURING THE HIGH MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OCT.17:

LIST W ZIWAZKU Z UROCZYSTOSCIA PRZY SARKOFAGU

TADEUSZA KOSCIUSZKI

" SARKOFAG W KRYPCIE KATEDRY WAWELSKIEJ KRYJACY DOCZESNE
SZCZATKI TADEUSZA KOSCIUSZKI JEST DROGI WSZYSTKIM POLAKOM I
WSZYSTKIM LUDZIOM MILUJACYM PRAWDZIWA WOLNOSC.

GDY W DNIU DZISIEJSZYM PRZY TYM SARKOFAGU GROMADZA SIE
PRZEDSTAWICIELW POLONII AMERYKANSKIEJ, PRAGNE JAKO BISKUP
KOSCIOLA KRAKOWSKIEGO I GOSPODARZ PRASTAREJ KATEDRY UWYDATNIC
WIELKA DONIOSLOSC TEGO WYDARZENIA. OTO NASI RODACY, KTORZY
ROWNIEZ JAKO AMERYKANIE CENIA SOBIE SWOJE POLSKIE POCHODZENIE,
PRZYBYWAJA TURTAJ, AZEBY SPECJALNA TABLICA PRZY GROBIE TADEUSZA
KOSCIUSZKI UPAMIETNIC JEGO ZASLUGI DLA NIEPOLDEGLOSCI STANOW
ZJEDNOCZONYCH AMERYKI POLNOCNEJ. CZYNIA TO W ZWIAZKU Z DWOCH-
SETNA ROCZNICA TEJ NIEPODLEGLOSCI, KTORA MINEL A W ROKU UBIEGLYM,
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ORAZ W ZWIAZKU ZE ZWYCIESTWEM POD SARATOGA, DO KTOREGO NASZ BOHATER
NARODOWY WALNIE SIE PRZYCZYNIL.

W TEN SPOSOB W KRYPCIE KATEDRY WAWELSKIEJ POTWIERDZA SIE
JESZCZE RAZ PRAWDA W WIELKIM UMILOWANIU WOLNOSCI CZLOWIEKA I NARO-
DU, KTOREJ TADEUSZ KOSCIUSZKO DAL WYRAZ CALY SWOIM ZYCIEM, ZAROWNO
BRONIAJAC NIEPODLEGLOSCI WLASNEJ OJCZYZNY, JAK TEZ WALCZAC O NIEPOD-
LEGLOSC STANOW. ZA NASZA WOLNOSC I WASZA

NIECH NASZE SPOTKANIE PRZY JEGO TRUMNIE OZYWI TE SAMA MILOSC,
KTORA PALALO SERCE BOHATERA. NIECH NAM WSZYSTKIM POZWOLI SLUZYC
TEJ SAMEJ SPRAWIE, KTORA NIGDY SIE NIE PRZEDAWNIA. Z TA MYSLA
WITAM SERDECZNIE PRZEDSTAWICIELI POLONII AMERYKANSKIEJ I PROSZE
O UPAMIET-
NIENIE ZASLUG TADEUSZA KOSCIUSZKI DLA NIEPODLEGLOSCI ICH NOWEJ
OJCZYZNY.

" KAROL KARDYNAL WOJTYLA

END OF CARDINAL'S LETTER

PLEASE ADD TO THE PREVIOUS TEXT THE FOLLOWING:

ANOTHER EVENT COMMEMORATING UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GENERAL
KOSCIUSZKO TO AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE WAS A SPECIAL STAMP CANCELLA-
TION UTILIZED BY KRAKOW POST THROUGHOUT THE 17 OF OCTOBER.
THE CANCELLATION FEATURED A PORTRAIT OF KOSCIUSZKO AGAINST THE
BACKGROUND OF A MAP OF THE UNITED STATES.
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